

July 22, 1982

Land Quality Division of the  
Environmental Quality Department  
Equality State Bank Building  
401 West 19th Street  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Re: Reeves, Inc.  
Buffalo, Wy 82834  
Request for Mining Permit

Location: Township 51 North, Range 82 West of the 6th P.M.  
Section 15: S $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 16: S $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 22: NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Dear Sirs:

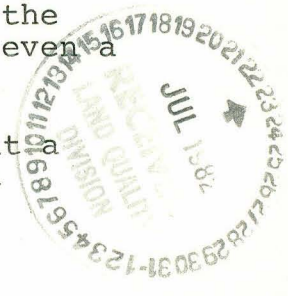
We, the homeowners and property owners protest the mine permit for Reeves, Inc. on the following grounds:

1. The dust from the mining will be detrimental to our health. The majority of us who live in the immediate area are downwind from the mining operation. There is also an airport in the immediate area of the mining operation. The dust could be responsible for many lives if an airplane should crash due to the dust contamination of its engines. The pollution will have the same effect as smog hanging over a community. People will have to breath the fine, abrasive dust that will always be in the air. The gravel project is only about two miles north of Buffalo's city limits. The northwesterly winds will blow the contamination over the town almost constantly.

2. The mining operation will produce a lot of noise particularly at night when they plan on doing their mining. The large crusher equipment will disturb the peace and tranquility of all the residents in a five mile radius during their bedtime. This involves a fairly populace area. We are residents that live in the immediate vicinity of the mining project. Most of us live along the road the gravel trucks will be traveling.

3. We feel that the road that the gravel trucks will be traveling on is not safe. It is a very narrow County/City owned road. There is curve on the road that is approximately a 90° bend. The narrowness of the road will make it impossible for a gravel truck and another vehicle to initiate the turn at the same time. It is so narrow and sharp, it is doubtful if even a single gravel truck can navigate the curve.

4. There is a narrow bridge that only one vehicle at a time can pass over. We wonder if this bridge can support



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thousands of loaded gravel trucks which weigh approximately 80,000 pounds each for a ten year period.

5. To date there is no law enforcement agency patrolling that section of road. That is a school bus run. There will be many children being picked up and dropped off during the Fall and Winter months. Their safety and the safety of people that have small children and live right beside the road need to be considered. Even if restrictions and regulations were posed, without a law enforcement agency to patrol, the laws would be useless. Adding gravel trucks to the already dangerous road only makes the risk of accident and loss of human life higher.

Reeves, Inc. is already extracting gravel from four gravel pits in the area. They are:

1. Carter Pit - Six miles southeast of Buffalo
2. Marshall Pit - Located in the vicinity of Banner, Wyoming.
3. Arno Pit - Located on the James Arno Ranch northwest of Buffalo.
4. Hackert Pit - Southeast of Buffalo

Not granting a mining permit at this location to Reeves, Inc. will not be detrimental to their business.

We would appreciate you weighing the fact that many lives (people in the immediate vicinity of gravel mine and the townspeople of Buffalo) will have to live with this contamination for ten years or more and on the other side of the scale; one company making a profit off some dirt, risking health and lives of thousands of people. There are other places to extract gravel with far less risk to human lives.

We respectfully submit this protest for your consideration. We are the home owners and property owners who will be directly involved for we live in the immediate area.

Sincerely,

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